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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR JOVA'S STATEMENT ON RIO TREATY REFORM
AND THE FORTHCOMING FOREIGN MINISTER'S MEETING IN BOGOTA

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1. ON NOVEMBER 12 AN EMBOFF DISCUSSED AMBASSADOR JOVA'S OCTOBER 24 SPEECH IN GENERAL TERMS WITH RAMIRO SILVA DEL POZO, DIRECTOR OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S OAS DEPARTMENT. SILVA HAD JUST RETURNED FROM TWO MONTHS IN WASHINGTON WHERE HE HAD BEEN SERVING ON THE ECUADOREAN DELEGATION TO THE OAS SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

2. SILVA SAID THAT THE MINISTRY WAS GIVING SERIOUS ATTENTION TO AMBASSADOR JOVA'S SPEECH AND WAS RATHER OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE POSSIBILITIES FOR CONSTRUCTIVE OAS REFORM. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT IN THE MINISTRY'S OPINION THE REFORMS WOULD BE MODERATE IN NATURE. HE

STRESSED THE GOE'S INTEREST IN ARRIVING AT A RESULT WHICH
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WOULD NOT IMPAIR THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE ORGANIZATION.

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3. ACCORDING TO SILVA ONE OF THE GOE'S BASIC OBJECTIVES IN OAS REFORM IS TO SECURE ACCEPTANCE OF THE PRINCIPLE THAT ECONOMIC ASSURRANCE SHOULD BE UNCONDITIONAL. HE WAS RATHER DEPRECATING IN HIS REMARKS ABOUT THE PERUVIAN WAY OF PUTTING THE SAME ISSUE IN TERMS OF ECONOMIC AGGRESSION. HE EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT SUCH A FORMULATION WAS UNNECESSARILY NEGATIVE.

4. WITH RESPECT TO THE AREA TO BE COVERED, SILVA SAID THAT ECUADOR HAD PROPOSED THAT IT CONFORM IN GENERAL TO THE AREA COVERED BY THE TREATY FOR THE PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN LATIN AMERICA. HE DID NOT SEEM PREPARED TO DISCUSS THE OTHER ISSUES OUTLINED IN REFTEL.

5. SILVA SAID THAT IT WAS LIKELY THAT THE ECUADOREAN FOREIGN MINISTER WOULD RAISE THE ISSUE OF UNCONDITIONAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE AND THE NEED FOR CONSTRUCTIVE OAS REFORM AT THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S MEETING IN BOGOTA.
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